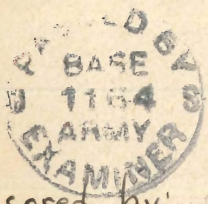


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Hiya Folks:-

Havent written since last Sunday - not even a V mail, that I can remember. Sister's V mail I received yesterday mentioning not having gotten a letter from me that week - well - all I can say - is just wait until the present "slump" has time to make itself evident to ya! - You'll think I must be writing about once a month!

Really, I suppose the main reason for the negligence is that I've been waiting for something definite to break for some-

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one to get to go home. - Hoping
that I might be one of em. -
As yet - all I know is that
a list has been submitted with
a few names. - While I'm up there
on top and in the running,
I have a sort of a premonition
that when the orders finally
come out - I won't be on them!
Hope I'm wrong - but for some
reason I wouldn't be at all
surprised. - If that is so - then I'm
a cinch to be the very next one
to go - and that should be
soon - - However - all this is
based on nothing with a
foundation. - All I can say is
that maybe I'll get a break soon,
so I'll keep on flying - and you
keep on pulling. - If my luck

3! stays with me - I should be seeing you with the next couple of months, regardless. - I think. - He so! -

You should have seen me this morning. - I felt like dressing up for a change - so did a real job on it. - I got a new pair of Khaki trousers the other day - ^{and so} I already had a new shirt. - I put them on, shined my shoes, shaved - and even shined up my brass belt buckle! The latter hasn't happened in an awful long time. - not since 'Rest Camp' so you know! Anyway - after getting all diked out I had to go someplace - and where better than church on a Sunday? We have to get all dressed up like that, once in awhile. - Especially if your morale

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-- happens to be low. - Don't know
just why it should help. - Guess
it sorta makes you feel a personal
impressiveness, or something. You
explain it! -

Had a trip to Corsica yesterday.
Was the first time I had ever
landed there. - Didn't get off the
field where I was - to see the
natives, that is. - Understand
they are somewhat different. - More
French, I suppose - but for all
practical purposes, they are strictly
"Corsicans", for I've heard it said
that they get along with
no one! -

See, it sounds like you folks
are really putting in a session
with your garden. Where did you
get your pansies? - He have quite

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a few wild flowers through out the country side here - and one flower in particular stands out like nobodies business. - Suddenly it dawned on me what they were - poppies - ! - Then I remembered seeing a lot of them in Africa last Spring around Oran - Would you like to have some shipped to you?

Has Brother heard any more about his store? - Where it is to be and when he is to get it, etc. - I had a Vmail from him, telling me about the same thing you had written concerning him.

Well, - I've reached that point again where I can't think, so maybe instead of really making this any worse - I'd better just sign off with a promise to not

6! let the whole of the week go
by without writing again:-
Even if it's a V-mail- I'll write
it!

In the mean time it would
be a very good idea if you would
keep everything crossed just as
hard as you can - and ^{for} Joe to
keep on pulling!:-

Bye for now - and
Lots of Love,
Frank